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San Diego Public Library Offers Resources and Services to People Displaced by Hurricane Katrina

SAN DIEGO – In an effort to assist the needs of people displaced by Hurricane Katrina who have been relocated to the San Diego region, the City of San Diego Public Library is offering library cards that will allow them to check out books and other items from libraries.

"Many of these people have lost nearly everything they owned," said City Library Director Anna Tatár. "We hope that providing them access to library resources and services will bring them at least a bit of comfort."

Applications for library cards are now available at the Family Assistance Center of the American Red Cross of San Diego/Imperial Counties, located at 4579 Mission Gorge Place in San Diego. It's open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. The center will be closed Saturday and Sunday. Library card applicants will also receive bookmarks at the center with a list of City library locations and phone numbers.

Founded in 1882, the San Diego Public Library has 35 locations throughout the City. More than 6.5 million visitors use the libraries each year. All libraries offer not only books, CDs and videos, must also free Internet access, children's programs, special workshops, film screenings, art exhibits and much, much more.